

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NORTH CANTON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

1. Call to Order

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, December 7, 2015 7:00pm. Mark, would you like to lead us?

2. Opening Prayer – Councilman Cerreta led the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Clerk, please call the roll?

Roll call found the following council members in attendance: Cerreta, Foltz, Fonte, Griffith, Peters and Werren. Thus having 6 in attendance.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** May I have a motion to excuse Member Kiesling she will be joining us in a few minutes.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to excuse Councilwoman Kiesling.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. And Mayor I'm going to run through this consideration real quick and then we'll go to the chief. Is that alright?

**MAYOR HELD:** Go right ahead. Yes.

5. Consideration

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2015  
Special Committee of the Whole Minutes: November 9, 2015  
Special Council Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2015  
Committee of the Whole Minutes: November 16, 2015  
Organizational Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2015  
Mayor's Court Receipts for October 2015  
Finance Statement – August and September 2015 Month-End Reports

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to approve as presented.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, to approve the above minutes and reports.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you very much. At this time I'd like to Mayor...

**MAYOR HELD:** Sure. Alright, what we'd like to do is take a moment and recognize two of our police officers today. But before we get that started we had one of our part-time officers that was sworn in earlier. And Spencer if you don't mind standing. (At this time everyone applauded) And Spencer has a lot of things happening for him, he's going to start serving the City of North Canton as a police officer and he is going to be he's got plans to be married. Is your fiancée Sarah still here? (No, she went home to make dinner) Alright, she's Sarah... now here's the thing I've got to help Spencer out here. When we interviewed Spencer when we interviewed Spencer here it's an inside joke. I was asking him about you know his strengths and it was really his commitment and his dedication to public service. And it really came down to his desire. You can see he's you know very fit and in good shape. And I said what is your weakness and he said "well, my fiancée says that I don't know who to cook". And I was like "boy that was a good answer". He didn't say he didn't know how to cook he said that his fiancée said he couldn't cook that he burns macaroni and cheese. So that was kind of like the inside joke the cooking. But what we did earlier is we had an opportunity to swear Spencer in and we also it's become a tradition in North Canton to recognize all of our police officers when we do that. Because I you know look around at what's going on in our country a lot of people have said to me "why would anybody want to serve as a police officer with what's going on today?" And all of the men and the women that we have here are we have one of our dispatchers that was recently hired she had to go back down to work. You know what's challenging about being a police officer today is that they have to make split second decisions, life and death decisions at any

time. And you've got body cameras that are on you, you've got cameras in the cars, you've got audio in the car. And when you're making those instantaneous decisions when somebody could have a firearm that's pointing at you. Which we've had too frequently in North Canton and you've got to make a decision. And we go through all the training, we go through all the exercises but it still you by yourself and often times it could be just the dispatcher that's on the radio that is your lifeline for communication. Until you get backup. And what is encouraging to me is the level of poise that our police officers have here in North Canton. Because all of them have a history of being respectful to all the residents even if you're committing a crime. And they're able to maintain that poise under pressure and it's not an easy thing to do. And so we greatly appreciate the work that you're doing and the service that all of you provide. And I know we did this just earlier but gentlemen if you don't mind just going through the room and stating your name stating your name rather quickly if you wouldn't mind and then for the rest of our audience and years of service that you've been a police officer:

Justine Brumbaugh – 4 years, Chad Marceric – 5 years, Matt Rahde – 8.5 years, Chad Marceric – 5 years, Frank Kemp – 18 years, Cody Dollinger – 4 years, Phil Taylor – 15 years, John Henric – 17 years, Chief Wilder – 34 years.

**MAYOR HELD:** With that you know one of the other things too that we talked about this earlier when Spencer goes out on his first call the residents that he's serving are not going to ask him "is this your first call?" "Are you full-time?" "Are you part-time?" "How many years have you served?" All they know is that they're in trouble and they need assistance or they need help. And or somebody is in trouble and the rest of the community needs your assistance to make sure that you're keeping them safe. So I would just ask that you all give everybody a round of applaud here for police officers.

**POLICE CHIEF WILDER:** Mayor Held, thank you for those comments. Council, appreciate your indulgence, members of our community thank you for a few moments of your time. I just want to recognize two of our police officers Patrolman Justin Brumbaugh and Patrolman Phil Taylor, if you please come forward. I had the opportunity to nominate these officers to receive recognition from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving the MADD Chapter of Ohio. They were selected out of about 18 agencies represented in Stark County and northeast Ohio. They attended a nice luncheon where they were presented their awards of excellence for their participation in that number of events Officer Brumbaugh has our most OVI arrest for impaired driving for the police department. Right behind him is Patrolman Phil Taylor. Both of these officers participate regularly on our OVI task force and the state programs of "Click it or Ticket it", "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over". Both of them have had not only on their regular patrol time but in their overtime hours contribute to their receiving the award of excellence. So for Patrolman Justin Brumbaugh, again, thank you for your service award of excellence presented by MADD Chapter of Ohio. And Patrolman Phil Taylor who's recovering from an injury but I'm very proud of the work you've done. One moment of for comment for Patrolman Brumbaugh not only he was working an 8 hour shift and he hung over for another 4 hours to work the OVI task force. In that 12 hour period he had 3 OVI arrests which is pretty unprecedented for us here in North Canton. So again I want to thank you gentlemen for your efforts and the support in the rest of our police officers in what we do in enforcing traffic laws in the State of Ohio let alone in our community seat belt, impaired driving and other you know motor violations. So thank you for your indulgence I just want to bring that to the attention of council and the members of our community that are present here to thank you for your time. And again congratulations and keep up the good work.

(At this time everyone in attendance applauded)

**MAYOR HELD:** And you know what else is nice too is I've got to comment on this is you know you like to see this healthy competition with our police officers. And what makes this aware really interesting is Officer Taylor is or Officer Justin little healthy competition Officer Taylor is his father-in-law. So they're keeping it in the family. Very proud of the work you're doing. Thank you.

**POLICE CHIEF WILDER:** We're going to back on duty so excuse us. Thank you very much.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Kathy, we're ready for you. Thank you.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** This is Kathy Fernandez and Dave McDaniels with us tonight from the heritage society. And there's a couple pages on the desk here there's a couple you need to share with that. But Kathy and the heritage society will be I guess be the custodians if you want to call it of the guard shack that is out here. And they've got some good ideas that they want to present to council. Tim and I have met with them over the last couple of months and these are some pretty good ideas. So Kathy, take it away.

**KATHY FERNANDEZ:** We have after a discussion with Mark applied for a couple of grants to refurbish as well as to add some exhibits to and by the way we want to call it the "police booth". But whatever, whatever. Whatever you guys want to call it. And we have already received \$5,000 from the Hoover Foundation and we are expecting knock on wood another \$5,000 from the H.W. Hoover Foundation. And with that \$10,000 we would like to do some restoration work and you have those of you have the report have a cost estimate from Coon Restoration and sealants of \$4,500 to do work on the roof, take the air conditioner out. Do a little bit of cosmetic work in the interior, fix the door, put a new lock on it and so forth. You can read what we plan to do. In addition we'd like to add some exhibits to the windows of the booth. And again if you have the report you can see sort of a mockup of what we would like to do. We'd like to do before and after pictures using photos from our collection taken from kind of the same angles as the newer photos would be taken from the same angles as the original photos were taken from. So that you can locate that you know locate where you are. There are 5 windows it's a 6 sided building and so we would have 5 different views and mostly of the square. And using our historic photos in our collection and then because when they moved the building they added to courses of bricks and so the building now is taller than it used to be and you have

to look up to really see the windows. So we feel that it probably isn't best to put exhibits with a lot of written text on them because they would very difficult to read. So what we would like to do in addition to just a simple caption on each photo is to put what's called a QR code. Which if you've seen those boxes that have the squiggly lines in it that you scan with your smart phone that can direct people then to our website and they can get more information about what it is that they're seeing. And so that will be a way to do that. We probably will have money left over from that \$10,000 after we do this work and including the photos. And that will reside in a fund that the heritage society would keep it in perpetuity for revision of those exhibits or any additional exhibits to be placed elsewhere in the City Hall Park. That's something that you and my successor because I am leaving the heritage society at the end of the month will need to determine. But there probably will be judging by the estimate that we've gotten for the photos it's about \$2,000 so we'll probably have another \$2,000 or so left from that \$10,000. And hopefully that can be used for future exhibits in the park. Do you have any questions?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Do you think you'll have any like rack cards that might give a calendar of events or anything or anything that people can take?

**KATHY FERNANDEZ:** That's certainly a possibility and the only problem would be we'd have to figure out a way to keep the weather out from doing that.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** I've seen those plastic we were in New York City and actually there were police booth or guard booths you know over Central Park. And I was so excited thinking "hey, we have this right in our town square". And I was looking at the information they had and a lot were posters of what was going on or upcoming events. But they had mats and some different things and I just thought maybe it was something we could add to it.

**KATHY FERNANDEZ:** That's a great idea.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** What I wanted to ask you is you know the technology QR code technology you know a lot of people are probably familiar with that. They also have texting you know everybody seems to be texting nowadays and you can text from a smartphone or a flip phone if you have that ability. A lot of people do that. And you can actually text to and get a video with a voice overview of the history if somebody wanted to do that. So that might be another option to consider versus QR code. But the technology is out there as long as you don't mind texting. I just wanted that out.

**KATHY FERNANDEZ:** Okay, that's another great idea.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Well I think people are texting more than the QR codes. You don't see them scanning quite as much but...

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** 2, 3 years ago it was pretty popular you know when they first rolled it out. It's a nice way to basically redirect you to the website. But the texting I find cause I tract all that stuff and it seems like the texting with the technology now you can do video, you can do photos.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** A video you know that would come right there.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** And at the end they'd land to your webpage anyhow. But that's a whole other conversation.

**KATHY FERNANDEZ:** But this is a great resource to have. We as the heritage society would of like to have kept it where it was but, but we won't revisit that. It looks great where it is now and it's preserved and I think that's probably the most important thing. And thanks to Mark and all the other folks that worked with IRG to, to preserve this structure. So any other questions?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Any other questions for Kathy about... everyone okay with them taking over and...

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** I think it's a great idea and looking forward to seeing the end result with this. Thank you for your hard work.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Kathy's been here for 10 years as the lead is that true?

**KATHY FERNANDEZ:** 10 years.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** 10 years and that's not you know a job that you know they're having a hard time finding someone. Let's put it that way because it's not an easy job. And many kudos to her and her years through you know guiding the people through the history of North Canton which is very a lot of you are part of that first of all. The history of North Canton. But going way back to our founding fathers and everything is very important for the children they're teaching that in school now. So it's good that we have that history too. David, anything you want to add?

**MAYOR HELD:** Yes, Kathy, it's always been a pleasure to work with you. This is going to be your last month here right the end of this year?

**KATHY FERNANDEZ:** Yeah, I will I as many of you know I worded with Zoar for 29 years for the Ohio Historical Society and I'm going to do some writing about Zoar. And also going to be doing some exhibit work at Zoar. So I'm kind of going backwards I

guess. So I'm not I'm not retiring you know although I am going to Hawaii but so you may hear from me lately. And I also want to say it's been wonderful you know I lived in Canton and not here in North Canton but it's been wonderful over the last 10 years to learn about the history of North Canton and what a wonderful place it really is. And thanks to all of you to help make it so. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you, Mark. Alright, if there's anyone wishing to address council please step forward state your name and address.

#### 6. Recognition of Visitors

**CHUCK OSBORNE:** 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I was very entertained today by front page Repository story. Where it is stated that Law Director Fox is going to require citizens to be sworn and cross examined before they present testimony to the North Canton Planning Commission. I'm just wondering do you think that will elicit better testimony from your citizenry? I can tell you for a fact that that did not happen 2 years ago at the North Canton or the Ohio Elections Commission. One of our highest elected officials was sworn in to present testimony at the elections commission here 2 years ago. Present were Mr. Fox and Mrs. Kiesling who is not present tonight and at the hearing they played a recording of the North Canton City Council meeting. And I asked North Canton's highest elected official were those your words, was that you're your voice? And this individual just equivocated said "maybe, but I'm not sure". So I guess it doesn't make any difference whether your sworn under oath to be honest that's not going to elicit better testimony Mr. Fox. And I almost have to when I think of you and Mrs. Kiesling down there who were at this planning or this city council meeting is when you raised your salaries. You and Mrs. Kiesling were at the council meeting, you were at the elections commission meeting and you sat there and said nothing when North Canton's highest elected official equivocated and waffled and begged off there's a name for that and I call it perjury. And there's another name for people who stand by let that perjury go on its called suborning perjury. So I'll end with that. Secondly I sit here and I watched the swearing in last week and the first thing that popped into my head was 2 years ago when this council the very same people were sworn in, sworn to uphold the laws of North Canton and by golly some of you had already violated the laws of North Canton before you even took that oath of office. All I could do was shake my head. And then lastly I see there's an amended agenda although I don't have an actual agenda I don't know if Mary Beth did you send out a whole new revamped amended agenda? Because I haven't seen it. (No, I didn't) At any rate you're going to set a public hearing date for vacation of a street here in town. Well typically the procedure is you address this to the Planning Commission, they hold their own public hearing, they make a recommendation to council. Council then sets a public hearing and then votes. It might be understandable why you basically want to bypass our Planning Commission. Because as you know they made a very fatal blunder here just a few months ago when they gave a variance on the cell tower situation. It's clearly stated in our charter that the Planning Commission can't issue a variance. Why many of these people who sit on the Planning Commission did that knowing the long history we've had, they've had sitting on the Planning Commission. Your law director set there at this Planning Commission and let them issue the variance and then had to come back a few weeks later before the Zoning Board of Appeals and present the fact that "yeah, we screwed up and this has to start all over". So any way I'm not too impressed with the character and the integrity that I see up here. And it seems to be degenerating by the week.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Mr. Osborne, your time is up.

**CHUCK OSBORNE:** Thank you, Mr. Peters, you're very cordial.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Before you have your next person just, just so you're aware of this. What Mr. Osborne is talking about in the election commission is, is hearings that were held there regarding some folks that were found to have violated some campaign laws. The issue about placing people under oath is, is the difference between presenting evidence and presenting opinions or conjectures or beliefs. And you know those folks that are placed under oath you know they I imagine stand by their own testimony and for someone to stand on the sidelines and criticize whether they believe that they were telling the truth. Actually the election commission found in those councilmembers favor. So apparently they believed what he is stating is simply untrue. The issue about the council this evening setting a hearing date for a public meeting and stating that well the process requires that the Planning Commission have the public hearing and make a recommendation. Which they did.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** I was there.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** He just actually doesn't understand what has occurred and I think he's kind of speaking without verifying any of his information. So indeed what we're asking for is to schedule that meeting it is a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding vacating a street.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** We're talking about Orchard and Witwer? (Yes, sir) Cause I was at the meeting.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Correct and they made a recommendation and the recommendation was to not vacate the street. So it's going to be a little different in normally the recommendations are to approve but this recommendation actually is not approve vacating the street. So that's already occurred we have the recommendation. Tonight what we want to do is schedule the public meeting make sure we get it advertised and to the other folks. The, the other issue that he is said that there was a mistake that the Planning Commission issued a variance. It actually did not that wasn't a mistake. No one said that they did anything wrong. What they stated was that they approved of a variance but a variance had not been granted. The Planning Commission does not grant variances. Nothing is being started again except that the tower company has asked for a separate application. They could have asked for the variance it's not as though it's being started again. That process needs to run its

course. They've chosen not to ask for the variance, have chosen to submit a new application and that application will be heard on Wednesday.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Thank you.

7. Old Business

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Is there anyone else wishing to address council please step forward state your name and address. Okay, seeing none we'll move onto on old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 64 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 64 – 2015.

8. Ordinance No. 64 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #1, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000417, and being part of Lot No. 7036, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation ("City"), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Chairman Fonte?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Okay, so we have several third readings here. There's several street lights on the north side of the street where the project was there on Maple or Easton or East Maple, I mean. We're just looking for a pad to have a perpetual continuous of that. And I move that we approved it it's the third reading and we'll whip through these. We have several.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 64 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 64 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading for Ordinance No. 65 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the third reading of Ordinance No. 65 – 2015.

9. Ordinance No. 65 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #2, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000417, and being part of Lot No. 7036, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation ("City"), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Same thing it's just a little further down the street it's a small pad where there's a street light and it just gives us ongoing opportunities to maintain it. I move that we approve it.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the third reading for Ordinance No. 65 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 65 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading for Ordinance No. 66 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the third reading of Ordinance No. 66 – 2015.

10. Ordinance No. 66 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #3, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000418, and being part of Out Lot No. 379, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation (“City”), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Chairman Fonte?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Same thing as the past it’s just a little pad we’re going to have an access ongoing perpetual agreement there. And I move we approve it.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the third reading for Ordinance No. 66 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 66 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading for Ordinance No. 67 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the third reading of Ordinance No. 67 – 2015.

11. Ordinance No. 67 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, known as Easement #4, for the real property known as Parcel No. 10000418, and being part of Out Lot No. 379, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation (“City”), Grantee, and Maple Street Commerce, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Continuation it’s a small pad perpetual agreement with another street light. And I move we approve it.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the third reading for Ordinance No. 67 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 67 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading for Ordinance No. 68 – 2015?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the third reading of Ordinance No. 68 – 2015.

12. Ordinance No. 68 – 2015 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a perpetual public utility easement, for the real property known as Parcel No. 9202067, and being part of Lot No. 309, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation (“City”), Grantee, and Stauffs Holding, an Ohio limited liability company, Grantor.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Okay, so we’re moving on just a little further on the corner there. You have a traffic signal and it’s a perpetual agreement sits there on the corner. And I move that approve that. This is the third reading.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the third reading for Ordinance No. 68 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 68 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading for Ordinance No. 69 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the third reading of Ordinance No. 69 – 2015.

13 Ordinance No. 69 – 2015

Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting, for public-use purposes, Maple Street Commerce, LLC's offer to the City of North Canton, to dedicate an additional right-of-way along East Maple Street (Main Street and Taft Ave), for the real property known as being part of Lot Nos. 7021 and 7071, and Out Lot Nos. 376 and 377, and consisting of 0.4545 acres in the City of North Canton, Stark County, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairman Fonte?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Along the side of East Maple we're just looking for a right-of-way along that way. This is the third reading so I move that we approve that.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the third reading for Ordinance No. 69 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 69 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 72 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 72 – 2015.

14. New Business

15 Ordinance No. 72 – 2015

Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract by and between the City of North Canton and the Stark County Public Defender's Office for the purpose of providing legal counsel to indigent North Canton persons in Canton Municipal Court for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairwoman Werren.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** We've talked about this in the past. It's just a yearly contract that we participate in with the Public Defender's Office. If there's no more discussion I move to adopt.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 72 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 72 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 73 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 73 – 2015.

16 Ordinance No. 73 – 2015

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to seek quotes for cleaning/janitorial services for the City owned buildings for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018, and for the Mayor, through the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for said cleaning services.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Chairman Griffith.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Obviously we're getting to the point where we're ready to rebid this. This would open up the contract to continue the cleaning services. Are there any questions or issues with this one?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Are we happy with the cleaning services?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Well, if so they'll have a chance to rebid, right? I know we had a transition relatively recently. And it seems like its gone well based on what you guys have said.

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** Yes sir, this has been a 2 year contract and its up.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** You're happy with the services?

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** Yes.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Well they'll still bid.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** How many bidders do we usually get Mike?

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** I think last time we have 4 or 5; sometimes we'll get some a smaller bidder that we know maybe can't do all the city buildings and that. You know when they look at it. But we put it out early enough we do have them come out and look at all the buildings and access that. It also includes a cleanup after our events at the Dogwood and at the Civic Center. So...

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** If there are no other questions I would move its approval.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the first reading for Ordinance No. 73 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 73 – 2015 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading for Ordinance No. 74 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to read by title the first reading of Ordinance No. 74 – 2015.

17 Ordinance No. 74 – 2015

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the transfer of the entire residual amount in the Hoover District Improvement Fund to the General Fund, and repealing Ordinances Nos. 101-10 and 46-13.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Chairman Griffith.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** This is merely bookkeeping piece. And of course in order for us to continue to have good clean audits it's nice sometime for us to take official action here. So we're merely moving money that had been allocated and appropriated back into the General Fund. Which is good because as we will discover later in the meeting we need as much in the General Fund as we can get. So no big issues here. If no questions I would move its approval.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 74 – 2015.



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 74 – 2015?

**COUNCILWOMAN WEERREN:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 74 – 2015.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. May I finally have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 74 – 2015?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 74 – 2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 74 – 2015 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 YES.

18. Reports – Council:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright very good. Reports, Member Fonte?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** I'd just like to say you know our prayers are with the families in California that went to their recent terrorist attack. And I'd like to thank all the service members serving our country the safety services and all the people that keep us safe. That's all.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Werren.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Just thanks to everyone that helped last night at the light up. It was a really nice event and one of my constituents helped light the tree Paul and he did a great job. And I remember calling on him when I was knocking on some doors and I couldn't believe I think he's 94, 96... is he 93? And I didn't know if he would answer and then he actually came out to the bottom of the street and showed me some holes that he wanted fixing. And it's like and I reintroduced myself again last night and he said "they haven't gotten to those hole yet". I said I'll send another email. But he remembered. So it was really neat and we had a lot of free food and it was a really nice event. Great turnout it was like a Hallmark special. So, nice job Dave. Thanks Mark for getting it all going.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Griffith?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** I would just echo that. That's my report. It was a great event my kids loved it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Cerreta?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Oh I know they were so cute. Just a note I'm sure if everybody realized the star is new this year. Last year's star blew down if you remember that real bad wind storm. It wasn't necessarily damaged and it started rusting a little bit so they credited us back what for it. Because that star was too heavy and because the wind blew it bent the top of the tree and that's why we saw it last year. So they sold us another star which was much more expensive it was probably about \$500 more expensive but we got donations. The donations came from basically the same people who paid for the decorations. I wanted to make sure everybody knew that. The Warburton family, the Mathie family, the Taylor family, the Esmont family and some from the Cerreta family. So those are the people that donated to buy the extra star. And once again people stepping up you know things that we need everything doesn't have to come from this chamber. So people want to do stuff in this community and I think they stepped up once again. So we'll figure up our next thing as we move forward. And if you know people that want to do that there's a lot of them out there ask them you know we've got stuff in the future that we're going to be wanting to have people step up. So that's the only report. Great event, Dave, nice job last night. Doug did a nice job with the chamber. So it's just a wonderful community kind of tradition that we do.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Well, I must say the ornaments and everything on the tree almost look professionally done, Mark. So any comments on that?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Thank you for that by the way. We had the decorating day, what was that? That was like Wednesday, last Wednesday and there were a lot people Jeff showed up and put some the bulbs on there but there were a lot of people that showed up to do that. Again, and as people go by they'd blow their horn you know and they'd do their little thing it's kind of a fun little thing. It actually was done in record time this year as you'll notice the ribbon is a little bit different this year. That took a little bit of time but after that got up it went up in a couple hours pretty quick. It was fun, we had a lot of people and you know you start looking at "okay, lets push that one over there, and over there" and make fun at everybody doing that. But if you have a chance to do that... I'll announce it a little better next time some other people can come. But there's only so many people you can have at that. But it's nice to have people come by and give us the business and

everything.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Well your sister really took charge though.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** My sister Becky Taylor was the one who is kind of the decorative kind of in the family. So it didn't pass on to me.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Foltz?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Good, job well done, what's nice is we get to look at it every night till what New Year's anyway hopefully or the weekend after. And the posts look good so something we're all proud of driving through Main Street. So kudos to everybody that worked hard on that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Yeah, great event last night Mark, Mayor, very good job. We had a great time weather was perfect it was great seeing Paul. One of the things, I don't know if was mentioned he is a World War II veteran and one of you know a dying breed. I know...

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** He got married a month after he got back. He was engaged and then got married that month later. He also told me that he celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as we walked down his street.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** He called himself John Wayne.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Amazing, amazing. Director of Law?

19. Reports:

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Yes sir, just to its piggyback a thank you to those that are generous with their time and their finances to support the tree and the holiday events. I'm sure all those that attended and drive by and see that you know especially lit up in the evening really appreciate that. So again thank you to all of those folks.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, Director of Finance.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR ALGER:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Director of Administration.

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR HELD:** Yeah the tree, I mean everybody's covered it. But that's really I think one of the best events that we have in the city every year. And whether it's warm or cold we get a great turn out. But I must say that it was a little warmer it was nice it was a nice change. Because you know past, previous years we've had even a lot of snow. The kids love that though. But it turned out very well. And Mark excellent job in the decoration. I mean Mark coordinated the whole thing and got it decorated and I mean it is a lot of work it's a lot less work than what it was when we had a real tree though, right? Because how long did it take to put the tree up itself like...?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Go through the cost later...

**MAYOR HELD:** What's that?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Go through the cost that we used to do compared to now so people understand because that was our thing when we bought this tree. You know we're going to put \$10,000 upfront and it was basically donated so we didn't have to do that right?

**MAYOR HELD:** It was about I think we estimated about \$15,000 a year to cut the tree down, haul it from the sight and then the hours to decorate it. Well just setting up the tree, a live tree because you had to stabilize it its very heavy we needed a crane. So that was one day and then a second day to decorate it. And now this one I think we had 1 employee to set up the tree.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Well Jim set up the tree a couple days before. They did a terrific job. How long did it take Jim?

**STREET SUPERINTENDENT DAVIS:** 3 hours.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Think of that. That's just fantastic how they, they were right on it the whole thing you know.

**MAYOR HELD:** Yeah, saved us a lot of money. So the investment with the tree and that was really all of it was donated. The tree, right, and the decorations? No cost to the city.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** The tree we paid for last year out of a fund.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** No, we didn't. That was donated by IRG, so that was all donated and then Jim and his crew just did a fabulous job putting it... I have to say where it's at you know we have that concrete that's genius how they have that concrete holding that tree up. So they did a fabulous job with that.

**MAYOR HELD:** Yes, we're saving \$15,000 a year with the Christmas tree lighting. You know maybe a few hundred dollars as far as hours to set up the tree for a few employees but that's just minimal. So really it's really turned out very nice, very nice. Thank you all for that. And then we didn't have this on the agenda but we did have we had a press conference earlier in the day and Jim if you don't mind giving us an update and Mr. President if you don't mind with our de-icing program. We did have Dominic you were able to attend and Dan Griffith you were able to attend at 5:30pm. I know that some of you have went down there to the service center at other times to see the new equipment that we have. But really I'd like Jim to take a few minutes to kind of go over what we've done. Normally in North Canton we've been recognized throughout Stark County and probably throughout the State of Ohio I think for our wet streets when it comes to snow and ice. One of the reasons that we have those wet streets is because we were spreading a lot of salt. And with that became very obvious to us what Jim's handing out is the new routes. Alright, we're all set. Okay, so really what we did and what we covered earlier today about 5:30pm is that when you look at our salt trucks. We have 5 salt trucks they're the big large dump trucks and they spread the salt. And since Jim's started here back 3 years ago this was after we completed the performance audit. We realized why North Canton's streets are always so wet it's the volume of salt that we were spreading each year. And then of course the cost of spreading that salt was getting higher and higher as the salt was becoming more scarce and harder to obtain. So the first phase that was completed 2 years ago was automated salt spreaders. The automated salt spreaders reduced the first year reduced our salt consumption or salt spreading by about 50%. And that really saved us with the automated salt spreaders on each one of the trucks. Because there wasn't a whole lot of salt available I believe that was 2013. Was not a whole of salt available throughout the State of Ohio. So since implementing that new system the way that the city would measure the amount of salt that we're spreading as we look at the salt incidents weather related incidents where we would send out the salt trucks and then we break that down what we've spent the whole year and then we divide that by the number of weather related incidents that tells us approximately how much we've spent on each episode. So what we've done now and what Jim will introduce to you is that now we've added the first time last year as a pilot program we had the saline or the brine mixed with beet juice. A company sells that product it's on these saddlebags...

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** You said beet?

**MAYOR HELD:** As in...

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Like from the garden beets?

**MAYOR HELD:** The vegetable garden beet. So it's like 75% brine, 25% beet juice. Where I recognized the biggest difference is that when we had our first truck equipment last year that was the pilot truck and it's really it was a pilot because we couldn't get the other trucks equipped in time. When we looked South Main, South Main it was when it was very cold, it was wet and we went up in the north end up by Applegrove and the streets were still had snow, still had ice, it was slushy and that's because the beet juice mixed with the brine solution works well below 20 degrees. So now all of our trucks all of our salt trucks are equipped with these tanks, these large tanks on each side and we're going full force this year. So Jim I'll turn it over to you.

**STREET SUPERINTENDENT DAVIS:** Yeah, just real quick I think on this screen obviously it's not showing up on that one but we're really ready for snow season. We've been ready since the second week of November and we're really kind of really excited about all the products we have snow and ice. So here's our time we really showcase really what we've got and thanks to you guys for helping us get the equipment and everything. So here's just a little bit of eye candy on what we have.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Well, Jim, so far A+ the streets have been cleared all the time you've done a great job.

**STREET SUPERINTENDENT DAVIS:** So pretty soon it's going to look like this you're not going to be able see anything and it's going to be snowing and blowing and everything like that. Okay, so just real quick I'm going to run through this. There's 2 main products that we use for our streets its rock salt which as you see that's actual live picture we actually have 5,000 tons sitting there waiting for us. It's not like years in the past where we always had just minimal amounts and we were always waiting for the next delivery and keeping our fingers crossed that the snow storm wasn't that big that we would run out of salt. We actually have 1 full winter stock piled already. So you know a couple of years ago when ODOT had that shortage of salt everybody was crying the blues because they used so much well we, we flew right through that whole time period where it's like okay this is we've got everything covered because we've got salt. So the other piece of we've got is the de-icing liquid which the Mayor just said talked about. We've got two 6,000 gallon tanks down there at the service center and it's a combination of aquasalina what they do is they use this natural salt water from a mining process. So this company takes out all the metals out of the salt water per se and they put some additives and it's also mixed in with beet juice which actually is kind of like a gluey type function for it. But also too beet juice has some de-icing characteristics too. Have you ever seen that commercial where that guy spreads the glass with beet juice and ammonia and it's left like that? It's like an infomercial. Well it's the same stuff, beet juice is awesome. So every time the stuff is on salt it sticks to the streets and it's not spread out into the gutters and stuff like that. So it like sticks to the streets. So that's really what we do as far as anything below like 20 degrees. How many times in the past have it been like 5 degrees and it snows and we've got hard packed streets and you just

can't do anything about it. Well because salt doesn't work underneath 25 degrees. It's just not enough moisture in the air there's no moisture on the streets and it takes water and moisture for salt to activate. So even with this liquid pumped into the salt as its going out of the truck it instantly activates the salt even before it hits the street. So there's no way wait time for it. Yeah, so it's really exciting. So one of the things about the savings was the computer controlled applicators on the trucks. This is the one of the old ways if you notice there's a joysticks up top for the levers for the snowplows and the 2 knobs are the bottom is what the drivers use to control constantly while they're driving and they would look in their mirrors and see how much salt was coming out and a light would shone out on the pavement. We're talking 1,800 pounds (inaudible) it's just absurd and how much of the salt in the gutters all the time. So it distracted the driver. So now we've got touch screens, state of the art touch screens computers that control the whole truck. Our street managers will say "hey, I want 400 pounds lay mile with 6 gallons of liquor for every lane mile" they punch it in and then they just the only thing they do is set the drive how many lay miles they have and they just drive they don't touch the street whatsoever. So from a driver standpoint all they have to do is they pay attention to the road now. So they don't have any distractions of any kind. But if you see on the side of the truck there's those white saddle tanks so that system that we put on each one of the trucks and that's what holds the liquids and there's a pump that's involved with that as well. And it's all computerized, it's all controlled by the computer. So it's just a beautiful thing on what we're going to be doing for this winter. Now all my trucks are setup this way. So anticipate some good results with that. This year real quick is our de-icing, our anti-icing truck okay, so the trucks that we just purchased we built this 2 years ago from one of the repurposing trucks. We didn't audition it we repurposed it. So this truck here instead of buying a whole new truck with setups that truck we built for \$300 - \$500; tanks, pumps, plumbing, everything. We're able to pre-treat our streets even before the storm hits then it puts a little barrier down between the road and snow. Our goal is to get 2 of them. Now we use that anything like above 25 degrees because it is salt water and will freeze 20 degrees. Or if we see what really messed us up last year was all the rain events before the snow. I mean it rained and rained and we didn't use this because it would just wash off. But then instantly it would freeze the snow then all the potholes and the road issues we dealt with a lot last year was because of the instant rain, freeze events we had. So this really for the most part it helped us a little bit but not as much across the board even ODOT has issue with that just because of the winter characteristics. So the investment okay so we spent some money on computers, we've spent about \$6,903 for the computers, pre-wet systems cost us about \$7,710 a truck, this year on salt we've spent \$291,600, ODOT's price was at \$58.32 and the liquid we purchased from a company for \$1.07 a gallon. So this is probably my favorite slide alright here's what here is the instant savings on salt just for the computer applicators and the management of salt application. We were originally around with \$300,000, 2010 we were at \$313,000, 2011 - \$360,000, 2012 we were at \$310,000 and 2013 we were at \$350,000. This is the year everybody that we bought the applicators look at our price in 2014 \$139,000. This time period of 2014 we had 68 snow events, 2013 was 28. This right here is what put us in the salt position that we're in right now. We were literally able to save 1 years' worth of salt and material. Okay, now even with the liquid applicators they anticipate another 10% in salt savings just because of the instant mixing. The instant result as soon as it hits the street. So if you want to get excited about our snow program this is where it is right here. So anyways that there is (inaudible) There are other cities that use this particular technology now for like us we're the only one that I know regionally that have the touch screens. Some others have dials and stuff like that. A lot of research has gone into this you know as far as making sure we spend the right money on the right equipment and this stuff will be easy to upgrade. I bought these systems in 2012 and we bought them with pre-wet functions already built in knowing that we were going to put this out. So when we made the initial purchase we didn't have to make another purchase to outfit we already did that initially. So just real quick this is my favorite slide right here so what's in front of you though is just a little gauge that we go by as far as priority routing. And I provided each one of you guys a map you can hang on your wall or whatever you want to do with it. So what you see real quick is the legend up in the top right hand corner so this is how we prioritize streets now. That way we're just not all over the place we actually have a plan. The red streaks are the main thoroughfares in North Canton. Those are the living, breathing streets that get people in and out of our town. Okay, when all else fails we know we have to keep those streets open. So then our next priority is the blue ones those are primaries those are like roads that are highly travels especially like the schools. So those are primaries everything in green is secondary and then of course cul-de-sacs and dead end streets. So if you get a call in your ward for say Mrs. Smith "there hasn't been a salt truck down my street for such and such a time" when now you understand how we manage our snow plowing and salt and all that good stuff. So it kind of gives you a little more idea of what we do. And you're always more than welcome to call me and ask questions as far as snow removal. Thank you.

**MAYOR HELD:** But you know the other thing is too I wanted to mention which Jim did bring up is you know the salt shed when we're looking at capital improvements. The salt shed if any of you have not taken a look at that you could probably see it when you're driving down Applegrove. My children think that's where the new Goodyear blimp is stored. Its' big, it's high. But we've increased our salt storage from 1,800 tons to 5,000. And that was the planning of Jim Benekos here for that design. So we've got everybody working together and we're looking forward to wet, wet streets this winter. Thank you, Mr. President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Mr. Engineer?

**ENGINEER BENEKOS:** Oh I can't top that, no report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Madame Clerk?

**COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY:** The only thing I have is that I held a civil service exam for a captain's EMS/Fire Department on last Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

20. Final Call for New Business:

21. Adjourn:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you very much. So with that I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the council meeting.

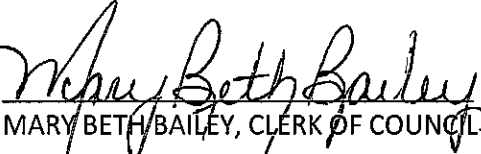
**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** So moved.

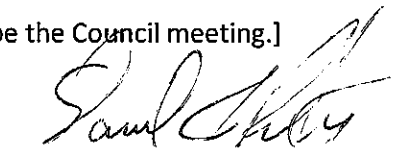
**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adjourn.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** We are adjourned.

[Let the record reflect Charles Osborne set up a tripod and appeared to videotape the Council meeting.]

  
MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT